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1. Which happened first?
 - a. An earthquake damaged the Coliseum.
 - b. The Coliseum was struck by lightning.
 - c. The Coliseum appeared on the back of a coin.
 - d. The Coliseum was used as a castle.
 2. When did the Romans finish building the Coliseum?
 - a. The year 70
 - b. The year 523
 - c. The year 80
 - d. The year 240
 3. What caused the fire that damaged the upper levels of the Coliseum?
 - a. A bolt of lightning
 - b. Rowdy people who came to watch the events
 - c. An attacking army
 - d. An angry mob
 4. For which purpose was the Coliseum **not** used?
 - a. People fought other people in it.
 - b. It was a private castle.
 - c. People fought animals in it.
 - d. It was a meeting place for the government.
 5. Which caused the most damage to the Coliseum?
 - a. Fires
 - b. Earthquakes
 - c. Wars
 - d. Hurricanes
 6. What did the people do with the stones that they took from the Coliseum?
 - a. They repaired buildings.
 - b. They sold them.
 - c. They used them as weapons.
 - d. They used them as tombstones.
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7. Which best defines the word *gruesome* as it is used in the second paragraph?
 - a. Exciting
 - b. Funny
 - c. Horrifying
 - d. Boring
 8. Which best describes the main idea in the last paragraph?
 - a. This is about all the things the Coliseum has been used for throughout history.
 - b. This is about how the Coliseum is a popular place to visit today.
 - c. This is about how the Coliseum is a symbol that many people know.
 - d. This is about how the Coliseum is used today.
 9. Which was **not** a way in which the Coliseum was damaged over the years?
 - a. Earthquake
 - b. Tornado
 - c. Lightning
 - d. Fire
 10. Which statement would the author most likely **agree** with?
 - a. The Coliseum should be replaced with a building that is not damaged.
 - b. The Coliseum has its place in history but it is not useful today.
 - c. The Coliseum should be used for fighting once again.
 - d. The Coliseum is very old and has been used for many purposes.

Why was the Coliseum repaired after the fire but not after the earthquake? Use the text in your answer.

Why did the fire only damage the upper levels of the Coliseum? Refer to the text in your answer.

Why is the Coliseum still important today? Use the text in your answer.
